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## Merit Award Scholarship Promise Kept

### Sen. Tom George in full support of deadline extension

LANSING -- To keep the promise of the Michigan Merit Award Scholarship for eligible college freshmen, the Senate yesterday took up legislation, co-sponsored by Sen. Tom George (R-Texas Township), to extend the deadline until November 15 this year to certify MEAP results.

“I am in full support of this legislation so students who are awaiting results are not penalized for the delay in scores being released,” Sen. George said. “These awards are very important to students and they need and deserve these scholarships now. Extending the deadline is a way for us to show our commitment to their education.”

Senate Bill 701 extends the date by which a college freshman must certify his or her Merit Award score from September 15 to November 15 for this year only. Delays in the release of the MEAP test this summer have left many college freshmen awaiting notification of whether they qualify for the Merit Award Scholarships.

SB 701 was passed under General Orders yesterday.

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